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Holiday
Greetings
TO ALL OF PHILMONT

from the
Staff
of
The
BLURB

ELECTION TIME IS NEAR... BE
SURE TO CAST YOUR VOTE!

THE BLURB

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Phil-Mont Net Schedule

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat
09:30 147.030 MHz FM		20:00 147.030 MHz FM	20:00 147.030 MHz FM			
10:00 29.000 MHz SSB		Personalized CW	Triple B-S			
10:20 3.993 MHz SSB		Practice Net	Swap Net			

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**** UPDATE ****

DECEMBER 1 ANNUAL AWARDS & ELECTION NIGHT

JANUARY 5 General Meeting Program: CHET HENDRICKSON, Meteorologist-in-Charge, U.S. Weather Service.

FEBRUARY 2 General Meeting Program: To be announced.

MARCH 2 General Meeting Program: To be announced.

Question: Which 1987 General Meeting will be held Mid-Month? --- If you're too lazy to get a calendar, just watch these pages for the answer!

OLD BUSINESS

THE BLURB
30 YEARS AGO
DEC. 1956

Recipient of the Outstanding Member Award: W3PXY for his work in obtaining the Bookmobile from Springfield Twp ... New member: W3MHR, Geo. Weed ... 132 people attended the PMRC banquet at the Casa Conti, where the new Com-Van was displayed for the first time. W3IM was MC - W3NIP showed field day films. (Hey Chuck, don't forget the Archives -ed) ... An appropriation was made to enhance the "PMRC PICTURE HISTORY BOOK" - The club has many pictures which need to be properly filed. (Does anyone know what happened to this? -ed)

THE BLURB
15 YEARS AGO
DEC. 1971

Soon-to-be past-president W2FUW is looking forward to his move to Mays Landing from where he will still be able to communicate with Phil-Mont on the soon-to-be PMRC repeater which will receive on 10 meters and transmit on 2 ... Sgt Doug, WA3DSP writes from Guam ... Winners of the IDAUBMUG award (Gumbaudi spelled backwards) - W3PHC & W3VXN ... W2GMA (ex W3IWO) relocates to Cherry Hill.

DIGITAL RADIO SERVICE

From PC WEEK
9/23/86

Q. - Are you familiar with a ham radio service allowing PC users to send data over the air?

A. - Amateur radio "ham" operators are allowed to send ASCII data at a number of speeds on a number of frequencies. However, an FCC rule that prohibits hams from transmitting business-oriented material prevents most PC users from using ham radio in any meaningful manner.

Recently, however, the FCC was petitioned to create a new service that would allow users to send data over local area networks or wide-area networks on a portion of a currently underutilized ham band (52MHz to 54MHz). The Public Digital Radio Service would be available for any U.S. resident and would function as a sort of computer equivalent CB radio. The FCC is expected to sue a preliminary ruling on the proposal in November.

SANTA'S LIST

Well, who's been good this year? We know someone who, when she's bad, she's better! We also know someone who managed to preserve his un-marital status, yet another year - and we thought that this was going to be the year!

Let's see just what's on Santa's list for some Phil-Monters.

W3888 Some smaller jobs next year
 W3GBA A Berlitz course in Italian
 N3EBE A Phil-Mont "T" shirt
 N3AVE Health
 W3SRU Happiness
 W3GQD Yet another motorcycle
 W3QV A new BRAG tape
 W3PST A bigger BLURB budget (for when he's out of town)
 N3ADI A house at the shore
 K83JW A yard of concrete
 KA3AMJ A shave
 W3FVW A visit with the old gang
 AK2I More help
 W3RM More help
 W3PXV Time to write
 W3RCE Fresh oysters all year around
 W3SGR A baby-sitter so he can get to the shore more often
 W3YHV A bigger tent for Paddlerama
 WB3KOJ A phone patch (same as last year)
 WB3KOH Ditto
 ????? Call letters for Ernie
 W3SGR A chauffeur to help him get to PMRC meetings
 W3ACNI Correspondence from members for Sam Kuncevic
 W3IIN A new set of Chest Handles
 W3IIM Tax exempt status for PMRC
 KA3BET Candidates for the office of President
 N3EBE Ditto
 K82AZW A really GOOD map of Pennsylvania
 KA3EIP More Monday nights off
 N3DHI An Extra Large doggie bag
 PMRC An army of Happy Volunteers for all the club activities
 WA3AUN A few words
 WA3EQW Another 88S
 W2GMA Simplification of the Tax Simplification Act
 K83IV A third term
 WB3KAC A BLIZZARD
 W3VVS A shorter honeydew list

HAMFESTS

We will print an ongoing schedule of Hamfests based on information received. Please help us keep our list current. To be printed in this column, YOU must send it to W3IIM prior to BLURB deadline.

Mar. 22 DVRA - HAMCOMP '87, N.J. National Guard Armory, Eggerts Crossing Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08:00-14:00 146.07 146.52
 May 17 Warminster ARC, Middletown Grange Fairgrounds, Penns Park Rd., Wrightstown, PA 07:00-??:?? KA3FBP 147.09 145.25

The PREZ SEZ

Old Timers' Night is a misnomer. The enthusiasm and energy that radiates from a group like the one that attended the Phil-Mont Ol' Timers' Night in November, blows away the visual image of Old Timers. These people are interested, interesting and fun to be with. It would be great if they showed up more often, we would all benefit. If you weren't there, it's your loss.

Hugh Turnbull, the Atlantic Division Director of ARRL, spoke at the Warminster ARC November meeting. He pointed out how the FCC helps us in some ways i.e. PRB-1, and then appears to be attempting to "dump" the Amateur Radio Service. There's some belief that Amateur Radio may follow the same path as Citizens Band did. Slowly but surely the FCC is pushing its responsibility onto the VFCs and VECs. First the testing, then the question pool and (proposed) the assignment of calls. If you follow this, the one possible conclusion, the FCC would no longer be responsible for the Amateur Radio Service. Think about that for a while and you begin to see all kinds of potential problems - loss of federal authority, ie: no protection of PRB-1, shrinkage of operating bands, lack of interference control with other radio services, and on and on.

What's to deter this from happening? It's not numbers, which mean the most to politicians, because the hobby is not growing. It's not unity, because less than one third of the licensed hams belong to the ARRL, which is the strongest voice of Amateur Radio. It's not publicity, because one TVI complaint gets more ink than public service operations like the recent NDMS drill.

The only way of changing this trend, that I can think of, is for more of us to get involved in the affairs of the hobby. We have to demonstrate to the general public that we are a force to be considered, that we provide services which benefit our community and that we individually are good citizens. Individually, we can have an effect, but collectively we can have an effect greater than the number of amateurs would indicate.

The forum for this mutual achievement is the local radio clubs where we can keep informed and strengthen each other. Phil-Mont is one of the best, and has the potential to be much better. We need the combined effort of ALL current members, and the inclusion of those who are not now members of an active club. Otherwise, the doomsday predictions of people, like Wayne Green and Art Smith, will come to pass, and the world will be the poorer. It's up to you and me!

de Fred, KA3BET

'TKQ NEEDS WALLPAPER

Rolly would like to hang "ham call" license plates on the walls of the shack at the Franklin Institute. Please dig out some of your old ones and see that he gets them. (While you're at it, if you should happen to run across some club memorabilia, please see that Jinny gets it for the archives. Films, slides, any issues of THE TVI RETREAT, awards, posters, scrapbooks, the old PMRC PICTURE HISTORY BOOK (mentioned 30 years ago in the BLURB) - all will be welcome!

OLE TIMERS' NIGHT— ANOTHER SUCCESS!

Forty six folks were able to be at our annual Old Timers' Night dinner at the Institute. The affair was superbly catered by Erich's Catering, of Holland, PA. By all accounts, everyone was pleased. (Hal had enough to eat, and when last seen, Rick was looking for a "doggie" bag.) '888 will remember our words of warning about starting on time! Next year, we hope Jim will arrive in time for some hors d'oeuvres. Weren't the strawberries and whipped cream great?

The meeting program was "guided" by Ray, and included a video tape of a 1938 York Road Radio Club Banquet (complete with a potato race), and their 1939 field day. (Your archives committee latched onto the tape to make a copy for OUR archives.) Too bad some of the Old Timers decided to leave before the tape and slides were shown - they probably missed seeing many of their old friends. Seen were shacks of: W3IU, W3QV, W3ALB, W3AKB, W3GUB, W3DGC, W3AOC, W3ERF, W3ETM, W3ESH, and W3CIL. de W3IIM

NO NEWS (Is Bad News)

Ever notice how people just take the BLURB for granted? Let's see how many things you can find in this issue that could have been - at a minimum - more accurately reported. We could start with the Net Control Stations, then move on to the "PMRC Nets" chart. Seems like we should be preparing folks for this year's Snow Bird Net - there is going to be one isn't there?

We can't report it if no one tells us!

Gavin's OTHER CORNER

ON 2 METERS...

THE "BIG EAR" HAS BEEN CATCHING
HIS NAME BEING BANDIED ABOUT, AS
HAVING DONE THIS OR THAT, STRANGE!
NO ONE EVER USES THE LAST NAME...
OH WELL ITS TOUGH ENOUGH TO SPELL
YET ALONE PRONOUNCE IT.

1987 Mid-Month Schedule

Please use this form to help us plan next year's Mid-Month Schedule. Your new president's first priority is to schedule Mid-Month meetings for the coming year. You can help by planning ahead, now!

January	14	_____
February	18	_____
March	18	_____
April	15	_____
May	13	_____
June	17	_____
July	15	_____
August	19	_____
September	16	_____
October	14	_____
November	18	_____
December	16	_____

THE PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB, INC.

1987 BUDGET

ACCOUNT	INCOME	EXPENSE
ARRL RENEWALS	\$200.00	\$184.00
ARCHIVES	-	50.00
AWARDS	-	135.00
BLURB	39.00	1,500.00
COM VAN MAINTENANCE	-	100.00
DONATIONS	200.00	-
DOOR PRIZES; 50-50	400.00	100.00
DUES	1,800.00	-
MISC. INCOME	50.00	25.00
MEMORIAL/SUNSHINE FUND	-	100.00
PROJECT SALES/EXPENSES	50.00	25.00
REFRESHMENTS	-	200.00
REPEATER	-	180.00
SOCIAL EVENTS	900.00	900.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	-	50.00
STATIONERY, POSTAGE, SUPPLIES	-	40.00
W3TKQ STATION	-	50.00
TOTALS	\$3,639.00	\$3,639.00



APPLE BYTES

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02-DON GORDON - WB3KOJ
 05-LEATHA LACHMAN (XYL W3UQ)
 08-ALBERT B. ROWLAND - W3JIL
 09-R. LAFAYETTE BEAMON, Jr. - W3BFM
 JAMES J. BOCK - K3PHC
 10-ELSIE BARDSLEY (XYL K3OJA)
 13-RAMONA B. DABAGIAN - KM3N
 17-BETTY BADDORF (XYL W3FZO)
 21-CLINTON R. SPENCER, III - N3DHI
 26-FREDWOOD S. SHAW - W3ADV
 27-HARRY C. BAYNARD - K3SZJ
 -RACHEL KLABE (XYL WA2YDS)
 -CLINTON R. SPENCER, Jr. - W3BBB
 28-BETTY KING (XYL W3PXY)
 30-FRANK H. LEWIS - N3DGU
 31-RHEBA BOCK (XYL K3PHC)

HELP PHIL-MONT

ARE YOU PLANNING TO JOIN ARRL OR RENEW YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP? HELP PHIL-MONT BY JOINING OR RENEWING THROUGH THE CLUB...CONTACT KB3IV FOR THE DETAILS.

UPDATES

ANY ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, ARRL AFFILIATION OR LICENCE UPDATES? WANT YOUR BIRTHDAY LISTED? IF SO, PLEASE DROP ME A LINE SO THAT YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION WILL APPEAR IN THE BLURB AND IN THE NEXT CLUB DIRECTORY.

....DE WB3KOJ

IT'S THE LAW

By N3EAY

ATTENTION MOBILERS: If you have a dealer-installed license plate frame, examine it! If it covers the state name and/or the current registration sticker YOU are subject to a ticket under the motor vehicle code of Pennsylvania. Notice was sent to the dealers regarding this over a year ago. It doesn't make sense to get a ticket for giving someone else free advertising.

BYLAWS CHANGE

According to the Bylaws Article XII Section VIII, no officer may succeed himself after having served two consecutive terms in that office. This provision was added somewhere along the line because in previous years, some people served in a given office for up to six years.

There are two offices to which such a restriction should not apply, ie: Secretary and Treasurer. Continuity in these offices provides stability and consistency to any organization, therefore the Board of Directors intends to propose, through the proper procedures, that the Bylaws be revised to eliminate this restriction, at least for these two positions.

The Bylaws cannot be changed in time to cover the election to take place at the December meeting, however we have a candidate for office that has held the position for two terms and would like to continue to serve in that position. The incumbent has done a superb job, bringing innovation, common sense and hard work to bear on the problems of that office. It would be a shame not to let that person continue, especially in light of the underwhelming response to the nominating committee's efforts.

Therefore, on the ballot, the Board of Directors is asking you for permission to hold in abeyance this provision of the Bylaws until the official Bylaws change proposal can be processed and presented to the membership for consideration and voting. Contingency plans will be made for whatever the result. The Board of Directors urges you to vote YES on this request. Remember, you will still get to vote on the Bylaws proposal later.

TO ALL THE GET-WELL WISHERS From W3IIN

To all the Phil-Monters who sent their regards, via W3IIN and the tape recorder, to me:

I really missed being with all of you for the good meal and fun at Ol' Timers' Night. I enjoyed listening to all of you on the tape Jack made for me, and it was fun, even though I was still feeling poorly.

Special thanks to the following well wishers:

The one holding the Doggie Bag
 The one with the pipe and bad jokes
 The one with Jersey sand in his shoes

ARCHIVES ADDITION

Thanks to Irv Miller, K3KNH, for forwarding to the archives committee an excellent 25 minute "super 8" film of Phil-Mont's 1976 7 field day complete with the "Yellow Peril". Boy, could Spencer climb the pole back in those days! Included were pictures of the old 10 meter repeater, just prior to its replacement by the present 2 meter Spec-Com repeater.

We plan to video-tape all films that are donated - and even those that are only lent to us. So if you'd really like to keep the films for your own use, at least consider lending them to us so we can copy them for the club.

Phil-Mont Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 GENERAL MEETING & LICENSE EXAMS ELECTIONS	2 CODE PRACTICE NET	3 SWAP NET	4	5	6
7 2m NCS W3SRU 10m NCS W3KDO 75m NCS W3PWG <i>Pearl Harbor Day</i>	8	9 CODE PRACTICE NET	10 SWAP NET	11	12	13
14 2m NCS W3AWG 10m NCS WB3KAC 75m NCS W3AOA	15	16 CODE PRACTICE NET	17 SWAP NET DIRECTORS' MEETING AT W3AA & WA3YJR's	18	19	20
21 2m NCS KB3IV 10m NCS KB3CT 75m NCS W3RCE <i>Pilgrims Landed 1620</i>	22	23 CODE PRACTICE Net	24	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26	27 <i>Chanukah</i>
28 2m NCS N3AVE 10m NCS KB3QE 75m NCS AK2I <i>Woodrow Wilson's Birthday 1856</i>	29	30 CODE PRACTICE NET	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>			

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT

This is your OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT for the Election of Officers on December 1, 1986. This ballot must be in the hands of the Judge Of Elections (KB3JW) before the nominations are declared closed on the night of the elections.

PROCEDURE:

1. MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS BELOW
2. SEAL BALLOT IN AN ENVELOPE
3. WRITE YOUR CALL ON THE OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE
4. PLACE INSIDE ANOTHER ENVELOPE AND MAIL, OR HAVE ENVELOPE DELIVERED, TO KB3JW BEFORE THE ELECTIONS BEGIN ON DECEMBER 1, 1986.

NOTE: IF, AFTER SUBMITTING YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT, YOU DECIDE TO ATTEND THE MEETING, YOU MAY CLAIM YOUR UNOPENED ENVELOPE PRIOR TO CASTING A REGULAR BALLOT.

PRESIDENT	() KA3BET	() N2RM
VICE-PRESIDENT	() WA3AUN	() WB3CMM
TREASURER	() W3AWG	() KB3IV () W3BBB
SECRETARY	() N3EAY	()
DIRECTOR	() K3GBA	() W3VVS
(Vote for two)	() K3GNM	() W3ZPP

PROPOSAL

Bylaws Article XII Section VIII currently restricts an officer from serving more than two consecutive terms in any one office. A change to the Bylaws will be presented to the membership for discussion and vote following our prescribed procedure.

However, for the December 1986 elections only:-
(Please check one)

1. ___ I agree that the restriction be waived for all offices.
 2. ___ I agree that the restriction be waived but only for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.
 3. ___ I do not agree that a change is necessary.
 4. ___ I do not care either way.
- (No vote will be considered as having checked item 4.)

MAIL OR DELIVER BALLOTS TO THE JUDGE OF ELECTIONS

Ray Gillespie, KB3JW
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Maple Glen
Pennsylvania
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